

COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION



MONTHLY REPORT By Executive Director Don Williams & Staff

August 2001

INTRODUCTION:

The monthly reports are a compilation of a number of factors that make up the activity of the Community Police Review Commission (CPRC) for the given month. At the end of the year our annual report will put the information gathered in the monthly reports in a yearly perspective.

The month of August saw the City Council add a replacement commissioner for the remainder of Jim Redsecker's term and the naming of an alternate commissioner who will fill the next vacancy, whenever that may occur.

Bill Floyd, an attorney with the firm of Best, Best and Krieger, was chosen to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Redsecker who passed away in July. Mr. Floyd is a partner in the firm and brings not only legal experience but also prior service as a member of the City of Riverside Personnel Board. One of the other strong points in Mr. Floyd's resume was that he has represented both police officers and cities in labor matters.

At the same time the council appointed Mr. Floyd, they also named Mr. James Ward as an alternate. Mr. Ward will fill the next vacancy, whenever that vacancy might occur. Also during the same council meeting the Executive Director presented Martha Redsecker with a plaque thanking her for supporting Jim and his service to the city as a commissioner.

OUTREACH:

August also saw a reduction in the number of outreach meetings attended by the Executive Director and the commissioners. This was primarily due to the influx of cases that has occupied the Executive Director's time as well as summer vacation schedules.

In August the Executive Director and the commissioners attended 4 meetings including Cops and Clergy, Mayor's Night Out, Casa Blanca AIRS and Casa Blanca CAG meeting, Mayor's City Manager Profile Committee and the 16th Street SDA Church in San Bernardino.

Meetings that are attended by commissioners in a capacity other than as commissioners on the CPRC are not listed in this report.

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WORKLOAD:

Cases Received

| | Lodged* | Filed/CPRC | Filed/P.D. |
|------------|---------|------------|------------|
| August '01 | 2 | 3 | 11 |

^{*} A complaint is considered Lodged when a citizen makes the complaint to the CPRC and is filed when they actually submit the completed complaint form.

Case Dispositions

| | Cases Reviewed | Inquiries | Administratively Closed ** |
|------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| August '01 | 13 | 0 | 2 |

^{**} Complainants are given 30 days to return the paperwork before a closure letter is sent. The closure letter advises the complainants that the case will be re-opened if they submit the completed paperwork before the 6-month deadline.

Allegations

| | U/F | Disc/SH | IDF | ISS | FA | FR | CC | MC |
|------------|-----|---------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|
| August '01 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 |

U/F = Use of Force, Disc/SH = Discrimination/Sexual Harassment, IDF = Improper Discharge of Firearms, ISS = Illegal Search or Seizure,

FA = False Arrest, FR = False Reporting, CC = Criminal Conduct, MC = Misconduct

Findings

| | Unfounded | Exonerated | Not Sustained | Sustained | Misconduct Noted |
|------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|
| August '01 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 |

Referrals

| | Personnel Complaints | Service Complaints |
|------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| August '01 | 0 | 0 |

Policy Recommendations

There was <u>1</u> policy recommendation made by the Commission for the month of August 2001.

The Commission recommends that the RPD develop a policy that requires officers to give receipts when they take property from anyone. The policy should be broad enough to cover all property seizure circumstances.

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